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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
9 AT SEATTLE

10 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
11 Plaintiff,
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13 v.
14 MAAR RAMBANG,
15 Defendant.

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17 NO. CR22-215 JHC
18 ORDER FINDING DEFENDANT
19 COMPETENT TO STAND TRIAL

20 The Court held a hearing on December 13, 2024, to determine whether Defendant
21 Maar Rambang is competent to stand trial. For the reasons below, the Court finds
22 Defendant competent.

23 On August 20, 2024, defense counsel filed an unopposed motion for a competency
24 evaluation and hearing. Dkt. # 33. The Court granted that motion and ordered Mr.
25 Rambang to undergo a competency evaluation. Dkt. # 34; *see* 18 U.S.C. § 4241(a). The
26 Court also stayed the pretrial motions deadline and the trial date, pending the conclusion
27 of the competency proceedings. Dkt. # 34.

28 Defendant was then designated to the Federal Detention Center in SeaTac and
29 evaluated by Bureau of Prisons psychiatrist Dr. Ryan Nybo. In his report, Dr. Nybo
30 found that Mr. Rambang is competent to stand trial. Dkt. # 37 (sealed report).

1 Defendant appeared before the Court on December 13, 2024, with his counsel. At
2 that hearing, the defense did not object to the finding in the BOP psychiatrist's evaluation
3 that Defendant is competent to stand trial.

4 Having considered the evidence presented at the competency hearing, including
5 the report of the BOP psychiatrist and the other records of this case, along with the
6 Court's own observations of Defendant and the statements of counsel, the Court finds
7 Mr. Rambang competent to stand trial. A preponderance of the evidence establishes that
8 he is not presently suffering from a mental disease or defect rendering him mentally
9 incompetent to the extent that he is unable to understand the nature and consequences of
10 the proceedings against him or to assist properly in his defense. *See* 18 U.S.C. § 4241(d).
11 Accordingly, Mr. Rambang is competent to stand trial.

12 All time between the date of the Court's Order granting the competency review
13 (August 21, 2024) and the date of this Order is excluded from the speedy-trial calculation
14 under 18 U.S.C. §§ 3161(h)(1)(A), 3161(h)(1)(F), and 3161(h)(1)(H).

15 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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17 Dated this 13th day of December, 2024

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19 JOHN H. CHUN

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21 United States District Judge